

Indiana Land Resources Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18, 2003

Location: Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

Members Present:

Joe Pearson
Bob Guernsey
David Hess
Eric Kelly
Mary McConnell
Sam Smith
Don Strietelmeier

Members Absent:

Riely O'Connor

OCA Staff:

Joe Tutterrow
Maren McGrane

Assistant Commissioner Joe Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Discussion and vote on the January meeting minutes were tabled until the end of the meeting.

Sam Cordes was introduced as the new director of Purdue Extension's Leadership and Community Development Program. Cordes led a discussion with the council on the direction this program will likely take that could include community visioning, planning and mobilization.

Dr. Bernie Engel, Director of Purdue's Advanced Applications of GIS Center and Rick Farnsworth, Associate Professor in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, gave presentations on the progress being made in the application of Geographic Information Systems.

The new video titled "*Indiana Farmland—Fight or Flight? Preserving Indiana's Agricultural Heritage*" was presented to the council. American Farmland Trust developed this video with a U.S.D.A. grant obtained through the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Jamie Palmer, Chairperson for the Indiana Land Use Consortium (ILUC), provided an update on a joint project that is being planned by the ILUC and the Land Resources Council. This event is titled "The Fiscal Challenges of Serving New Development" and will take place on May 9th in Noblesville, Indiana.

Hendricks County Commissioner Steve Ostermeier provided an update on the status of planning and related issues in his county. Bob McCormick, Director for Purdue's Planning With POWER Program, provided an update on the progress made in Hendricks County.

Updates were provided on the following topics:

Legislation
Data Management
Rural Wastewater Management Task Force
Ag Land Protection Task Force

Newsletter
White Papers
Training Program
Ultimate Farmland Tour

The Council confirmed the following meeting topics:

Date	Location	Possible Focus
May 20	Shipshewana	Local Issues including Septic, Wetlands
July 22	Indy	Land Use Forum Recommendations; GIS
September 16	Indy	State Ag Land Program
November 18	Indy	Wastewater Management

Sam Smith motioned and Mary McConnell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2003 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business Joe Pearson adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. local time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Tutterrow